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# REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

FOR

PROMOTING THE RELIGIOUS INTERESTS OF

SCOTTISH PRESBYTERIANS IN THE COLONIES;

AND

DELIVERANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY,

MAY 24, 1848.

WITH

STATE OF ACCOUNTS, &c., APPENDED.

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*Those marked thus \* are the Examining Committee.*

*At Edinburgh, the twenty-fourth day of May Eighteen hundred  
and forty-eight years,—*

Which day the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the CHURCH OF SCOTLAND being met and constituted, called for the Report of the Committee on Colonial Churches, which was given in and read by the Rev. Dr Clark, the Vice-Convener, in the absence of Dr Macfarlan. The General Assembly called also for the Report of the Deputation which was appointed by last General Assembly to proceed to Canada, and the other North American Colonies, which was given in and read by the Rev. Mr Fowler, a member of that Deputation. The General Assembly cordially approve of both Reports, and record the deep sense which they entertain of the Christian zeal and fidelity with which the Committee and the Deputation to the Colonies have conducted their respective labours. They request the Moderator to convey the thanks of this Assembly to the Vice-Convener, and through him to the other Members of the Committee; and also to Mr Fowler, and the gentlemen who accompanied him on the Deputation. The General Assembly regret to learn from the Report of their Committee, that religious destitution continues to prevail, to a great extent, in many of the Colonies, notwithstanding every exertion made on the part of the Committee to administer relief; and that this destitution, as farther appears from the Report of the Deputation, presses with peculiar severity in Canada and the neighbouring provinces. The General Assembly trust, that a remedy for this serious evil may be found in the increasing numbers of those who are now offering themselves for the word of the Ministry; and the General Assembly most earnestly recommend to the Probationers of this Church to weigh, anxiously and prayerfully, the solemn call addressed to them by the destitute condition of their countrymen, particularly in the Canadian Colonies. The General Assembly approve of the arrangement made by the Committee for engaging the services of Preachers of the Gospel for a limited term of years; and they feel assured that, if this arrangement shall have the effect of procuring an enlarged supply of Labourers for the Colonial Vineyard, it will, in addition to the important benefits immediately resulting from it, do much to accelerate the period when that field shall be cultivated by an adequate body of native labourers. The General Assembly cordially approve, on

the same grounds, of the suggestion made in the Report of the Deputation, to send out to Canada Schoolmasters and Catechists, and recommend to the Committee the employment of such parties as occasion may require. The General Assembly reappoint the Committee, Principal Macfarlan to be Convener, and Dr Clark to be Vice-Convener. The General Assembly renew their cordial recommendation of this scheme, so deeply interesting and so full of promise, to the enlarged liberality of the Christian Public.

*Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of the  
Church of Scotland, by*

JOHN LEE, *Cl. Eccl. Scot.*



# REPORT

OF

## THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

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IN laying a short statement of their proceedings during the past year before the General Assembly, your Committee beg explicitly and gratefully to acknowledge the goodness of the Great Head of the Church, for that measure of success which has attended their labours. By a careful, and what they believe a judicious, administration of the funds placed at their disposal, your Committee have had it in their power materially to improve the spiritual condition of several congregations of their expatriated countrymen. The field is extensive as it is interesting; and your Committee are fully aware that little has been done, as compared with the wishes and wants of those who are sadly destitute of the means of grace. The cry for help has been long and loudly heard from various and very distant lands, and it is painful to think how often it has been made in vain.

But your Committee are persuaded that the Church and the Country are becoming every year more alive to their obligation, as regards the important duty of mitigating the distress and destitution of our Colonial Brethren, by supplying them, 'as far as possible, with the means of a Gospel Ministry. Hitherto, the labourers for such a harvest have been few; but we now see, in the increasing number, in the increasing zeal, and in the marked intelligence and attainments, of the Licentiates of our Church, the prospect of brighter and better days. We believe that the time is not distant, when many highly qualified Preachers will be found desirous of entering on this field of Missionary labour, and delighting to spend and to be spent in the Christian work of comforting and edifying our brethren,—our kinsmen according to the flesh. The demand for Home Service has, for a time, interfered with the supply requisite for the Colonies; but matters are beginning now to be so adjusted, that we shall not only have enough of labourers, but to spare, and

we shall hail, with no common joy, the day when, on the first intimation of a vacant pulpit, we shall have it in our power to send, without delay, a suitable and well-qualified Pastor to such a people.

This is what the Church of Scotland desires ; this is what she will endeavour by all means to accomplish ; and, by the blessing of the Almighty, this is what may be effected. And were the population of our land fully aware of the warm attachment and steady adherence of our Colonial Brethren to our Church, this itself would be an additional reason for increased zeal, and for increased liberality in their behalf.

Your Committee feel that it is becoming that they should submit to the General Assembly a detailed statement of what they have done ; and therefore they respectfully solicit the attention of the Assembly to the following account.

#### THE NORTH AMERICAN BRITISH PROVINCES.

In pursuance of the authority given by last General Assembly, the Committee proceeded to make arrangements for the departure of the Second Deputation to visit the Presbyterian Churches in the British Provinces of North America. The Deputation, consisting of the Rev. Messrs Fowler of Ratho, Stevenson of Dalry, and M'Intosh of Aberdeen, sailed early in June ; and, after spending four months in America, returned in safety towards the end of October.

This Deputation had been earnestly called for, and was anxiously expected by our Brethren in British North America. Their object was very similar to that of the first Deputation, viz., to testify the cordial sympathy and Christian concern with which the Church at home regarded her children in these distant colonies, and to collect such information as might serve to guide the Church in her efforts to promote the spiritual benefit of the Colonies. The Deputation was most cordially welcomed in every district which it visited. It was regarded as the most qualifying testimony that could be given of the affectionate solicitude with which the Parent Church watches over the spiritual welfare of those who claim fellowship and connection with her, by an identity of standards of ministerial and church communion ; and your Committee received from every quarter the most ample and affecting testimony to the importance which was attached to this Special Mission of the Church, and to the good effects which have resulted therefrom.

It was truly refreshing to hear of the eagerness with which

our Colonial Brethren availed themselves of the means of grace, supplied to them for a time by the Members of the Deputation. Their spiritual wants are still great, and they are deeply felt. Our earnest prayer is, that these wants may soon be supplied, when our Church shall have it in her power to send out from her Licentiates, men able and willing to do the work of Evangelists. In the mean time, however, and while the destitution complained of continues, it cannot be questioned that the short visit of the Deputation was important in enabling our expatriated countrymen in many a solitary district and dwelling to hear the glad tidings of salvation faithfully and earnestly proclaimed to them.

There were questions also of great general importance to the interests of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, connected with *Queen's College*, *the Clergy Reserves*, and *the Glebe Scheme*, on which the Committee were anxious to obtain full and accurate information. This has been furnished to them through the instrumentality of the Deputation, and will be of great importance in enabling the Committee to consider and determine as to the way in which they can best promote the interests of their Brethren, as likely to be affected by these questions. And your Committee think it right here to record the high sense they entertain of the zeal, ability, and efficiency with which the Deputation performed all the duties of this delicate and important Mission.

The Committee, however, will not further anticipate the Report of the Deputation, which will be submitted to the Assembly, and which may probably be ordered to be printed as an Appendix to this Report.

## CANADA.

During the past year, the Committee had to regret the loss of the Reverend Mr Durie, who was lately sent out as Minister to Bytown. He died of typhus fever, caught in the discharge of his duties in attending some of the emigrants who had arrived from this country. Mr Durie's death was deeply felt by his people, who highly appreciated his character and labours amongst them. The Committee have been enabled to supply Mr Durie's charge by the appointment of the Reverend Mr Spence, formerly of St Vincent, who is immediately to sail for Canada.

Notwithstanding every exertion on the part of the Committee, they have not, with this solitary exception, been able to supply the numerous applications made to them for Ministers and Missionaries to different places in Canada.

This is a subject of the deepest regret, and every successive year that is passing away, bearing the same record of wants unsupplied and keenly felt, speaks a language to our Church, and to her Licentiates, which, it is to be hoped, will, ere long, be felt and responded to.

A mission to Canada seems to be viewed very much in the light of a sentence of banishment from one's native land, and many, it is feared, will rather remain unemployed at home than listen to the loud call addressed to them by their Christian brethren in Canada to come over and help them.

While the Committee admit that there is something natural in this feeling, they think that true Missionary zeal will urge no such difficulties, but, that, viewing the destitution on the one hand, and the glorious objects to be attempted, and in the strength of Divine grace attained, on the other, the response of the willing mind to such a call will be, "Here am I, send me."

The Committee, however, are willing and anxious to engage a number of Licentiates as Missionaries to Canada, for a term of two or three years, and afterwards to bring them home, if they wish to return. A field of usefulness and profitable employment is thus opened up to them for a while, and their experience is likely to prepare and qualify them better for a charge at home.

The Committee hope that, ere long, they will have offers of service from many, so that the spiritual destitution of our Presbyterian Brethren in British North America may be supplied.

On the recommendation of the Rev. Dr Matheson of Montreal, the Committee have appointed Mr Donald MacRae of Melbourne as a Gaelic Catechist at Melbourne, with a salary of £10, in addition to a similar sum which he now receives from the Lay Association of Montreal.

In regard to the Clergy Reserves Fund, the Glebe Scheme, and Queen's College, the Committee are not in a situation to make any Report on these important matters at present. They are now under the consideration of Special Sub-Committees, and will shortly be reported upon, should it be the pleasure of the General Assembly to reappoint the Committee.

## NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

The Committee some time ago appointed the Rev. William Stewart as Missionary in the Presbytery of St John's, New Brunswick. Mr Stewart for some time laboured zealously and



usefully within the bounds of the Presbytery, and under its superintendence. He has recently been ordained, and he is now officiating as Minister of St John's, New Brunswick, until a Minister shall be sent out to this charge, for whose support a stipend of £500 per annum is offered.

An application for a Schoolmaster at Halifax having been made to your Committee, they have appointed Mr Costley, Burgh Schoolmaster of Rutherglen, who is about to sail for his destination.

The Rev. Mr MacGillivray of Pictou has transmitted a very favourable account of the services of the three Catechists employed by the Committee in Pictou and its neighbourhood, in which he states that the people everywhere were satisfied with their services, and were thankful to the Committee for maintaining such men among them. The services of these Catechists have been continued.

## CAPE BRETON.

In consequence of the Report given by the Deputation, and on their recommendation, the Committee have appointed Mr Alexander M'Lachlan as Catechist to the District of River Inhabitants, with a salary of £20 a-year, until a Minister is appointed.

## WEST INDIES.

### ST VINCENT.

In consequence of the Rev. Mr Spence's resignation of his charge in this island, the Rev. Mr Ross has since been selected to succeed him by those in whom the appointment was vested, and the Committee has concurred in this appointment, and paid Mr Ross's outfit and passage money. The Government allowance formerly given to Mr Spence has been secured to Mr Ross, and that gentleman will enter upon his charge under very favourable circumstances.

### GRENADA.

The Committee have recently had very satisfactory communications from the Rev. Mr Stirling. He also is now receiving the regular Government allowance. His people have subscribed for the erection of a new Church, and the Committee have made a grant of £60 to aid them in building it.

## JAMAICA.

A communication has been received from Kingston intimating that the Island Legislature had voted the usual annual grant of £420 for the support of a Clergyman of the Established Church of Scotland, and asking the Committee to send out a Minister as soon as possible. It was further intimated that the Congregation are quite prepared to make up a stipend of £500.

The Committee have used every endeavour to fill up this important charge, but hitherto no suitable minister has been heard of.

## BRITISH GUIANA.

In last Report it was stated that the Church Courts in this Colony had given obedience to the deliverance of the General Assembly, and thus enabled the Committee to resume their friendly correspondence with them. The General Assembly also approved of the Presbytery of Demerara having restored Mr Riach as a Minister in connection with the Church of Scotland, he having expressed his contrition for his conduct, and also a strong desire to be reinstated in his former position.

In regard to the case of Mr M'Lelland, as to which a special reference was made to last Assembly, that venerable Court expressed itself satisfied with the conduct of the Presbytery in his case also; but observing with regret that Mr M'Lelland still continued to officiate in the parish to which he was appointed under the sanction of the Government of British Guiana, the Committee was authorised and instructed to renew, in the name of the Church of Scotland, their representations to her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies, against the continuance of an indulgence so inconsistent with the best interests of Presbyterian settlers in that important Colony.

In obedience to this instruction the Committee communicated with Her Majesty's Colonial Secretary, and they are now enabled to report that Mr M'Lelland no longer officiates as a Minister in his former parish, nor draws the Government allowance as such.

A representation in Mr M'Lelland's favour has been transmitted to your Committee by certain Members of his former Presbytery, wishing the Committee to concur in an application to the General Assembly for having him reponed. Other Members of Presbytery not present when this representa-



tion was agreed to, have also transmitted a statement to your Committee, intimating that they did not concur with their brethren in the wish expressed by them. It is believed that similar communications have been transmitted to the General Assembly, and will be read, together with a communication from Earl Grey on the subject.

The Committee will only add, that they see no reason for changing their former opinion as to Mr M'Lelland.

Since last Report, your Committee have had a voluminous correspondence with the Presbytery of British Guiana, on a variety of matters. The want of Ministers is much felt and complained of. Two of the parishes enjoying the benefit of the Government allowance are now vacant. The Committee have been unable to hear of any Ministers to fill them; and they have reason to believe, from communications recently received from Government, that if these vacancies are allowed to continue much longer, Episcopalian Ministers will be appointed, and these parishes lost to the Presbyterian body in British Guiana.

## AUSTRALIA.

In this important and rising colony, Ministers and Missionaries are much wanted. Communications have been received from Adelaide and from Sydney, urgently pressing that they should be sent out. Your Committee have made these communications extensively known to Presbyteries, and through the Missionary Record, but hitherto without effect.

A communication has also been received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting a Petition from the Trustees, Elders, and Congregation of St Andrew's Church, Parramatta, New South Wales, praying that a Minister might be selected and ordained for that Church.

In making this communication Earl Grey is pleased to intimate, that he would be happy to sanction the appointment of any person whom the Committee might recommend to him as duly qualified, and that the Clergyman so appointed would be entitled to the sum of £150, as passage-allowance to New South Wales.

The Committee hope soon to hear of some one qualified and willing to undertake this charge, and meanwhile they have voted the sum of £200 to aid in finishing the Church at Parramatta.

## CEYLON.

A communication was lately received from Philip Anstruther, Esq., transmitting an extract from a letter from

Ceylon, wishing to have a Minister sent out for a Church which they were about to build at Ambegamnie. The Committee wait for further information as to the provision likely to be made for any Minister who might be appointed to the charge.

## INDIA.

In consequence of a communication from Bombay, in regard to additional Scotch Chaplains for the Bombay Presidency, and for India generally, some of the Members of your Committee requested and had an interview with the Earl of Dalhousie before leaving this country to enter upon his duties as Governor-General of India.

This interview was of a private and not of an official nature. They were received with kindness and courtesy, and afterwards put their statement in writing and forwarded it to his Lordship. They have no doubt that he will give it his best consideration. The Committee advert to this subject at present in order to shew that they do not fail to avail themselves of any favourable opportunity which occurs of promoting the great objects of their appointment.

Before noticing the state of their finances, the Committee would beg to advert to a subject which they feel to be of a deeply painful character, viz., the loss which they, in common with the other schemes, and with the Church of Scotland and the country at large, have sustained in the sudden and unexpected death of the MARQUIS of BUTE. In him the Church of Scotland has lost a warm, judicious, and decided friend, and all her schemes a munificent and unwearied supporter. They feel the loss of such a man and at such a time to be indeed a heavy and a public one; and they would be wanting to themselves, and to the Committee which they represent, had they omitted to record, however feebly, the feelings with which they have viewed such an event.

During the year the following grants were made by the Committee, viz. :—

To Mr Donald M'Rae, Catechist, Melbourne, Canada West,	£10	0	0
Rev. Mr Macbean, Chatham, Miramichi,	50	0	0
Do. for purchasing Tracts on the Church Question,	5	0	0
Trustees of Church at Cumberland, Presbytery of Bathurst, to aid in rebuilding,	60	0	0
Trustees of St Luke's Church, Bathurst, to aid in completing Church,	100	0	0
Carry forward,	£125	0	0

Brought forward,	£125	0	0
To Trustees of Church at La Prairie, to assist in rebuilding,	60	0	0
Presbytery of Pictou, for two Catechists employed, £15 each,	30	0	0
Rev. D. Evans, Richmond, to aid in finishing Church,	60	0	0
Rev. A. Stirling, Grenada, to aid in erecting Church,	60	0	0
Rev. D. Easton, Demerara, for rebuilding Church in his Parish,	50	0	0
Mr Alex. Maclachlan, Catechist, River Inhabitants,	20	0	0
Trustees of Church at Redbank, New Brunswick,	50	0	0
Trustees of Church at Middleton, Presbytery of Bathurst,	65	0	0
Trustees of St Andrew's Church, New Glasgow,	60	0	0
Trustees of Church at Brookville, to assist in building,	100	0	0
Trustees for erection of Church at Parramatta, New South Wales,	200	0	0
Rev. Mr M'Lennan, Belfast, Prince Edward's Island,	30	0	0
Rev. Mr Cassilis, St Patrick's, Presbytery of St John,	50	0	0
Rev. A. M. Kidd, Hamilton,	50	0	0
Trustees of St Andrew's Church, New Brunswick,	30	0	0
Rev. Mr M'Donnell, Bathurst, contributed by Glasgow Ladies' Association,	55	0	0
Rev. Mr Cruickshank, Niagara,	40	0	0
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	£1135	0	0

Grants were also made for the following special purposes, viz. :—

Messrs Alexander M'Kay and Alexander M'Lean, Students from Canada, to aid in prosecuting their studies, £30 each,	£60	0	0
For the Boulogne Mission,	30	0	0
To aid in circulating Gaelic Magazine in the Colonies,	25	0	0
Rev. Mr Stewart, outfit and passage money to Canada,	45	0	0
Rev. Mr Ross, for outfit and passage money to St Vincent,	75	0	0
Mr Costley, outfit and passage money to Hali- fax,	40	0	0
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	275	0	0
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	£1410	0	0

The income of the Committee during the past year has amounted to £4293, 15s. 9d., exceeding the income of last year by the sum of £905, 7s.

This sum has been contributed from the following sources :—

From Parishes and Associations,	£3588	13	9
„ Individuals,	19	14	6
„ Do. Appropriated to Special Purposes,	55	0	0
„ Legacies,	57	15	0
Sums received from the Lay Association,—			
1. Sums specially appropriated by Subscribers to the Colonial Scheme,	£240	12	11
2. Sum voted by the Association from the Funds left to be disposed of by them,	125	0	0
		365	12 11
Interest on Bank Account,		206	19 7
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		£4293	15 9

The income of this year has had the advantage of two collections which will not occur again, and the increase is partly to be ascribed to this cause. It has exceeded, however, the income of any year in which two collections were formerly included ; and, considering the unexampled distress which has prevailed throughout the country, the Committee see good cause for thankfulness to Almighty God, who has put it into the hearts of our brethren to contribute so liberally towards the Colonial cause.

The sum at present in the bank is, no doubt, considerable ; but it must be obvious to those who have attended to the preceding statements, that it will all be required and more, in order to supply the wants of our countrymen, when Ministers and Missionaries shall offer themselves (as it is to be hoped they soon will) for this noble and holy undertaking.

Your Committee feel that they cannot, and should not, conclude their Report without beseeching the Assembly to use all available means for bringing its authority and influence to bear on Presbyteries, Ministers, and Members of our Church, regarding the duty of rendering all the aid in their power to our Colonial brethren. Were every Presbytery to make themselves intimately acquainted with the preachers within their bounds, and were all preachers to study earnestly and prayerfully the proper object of a gospel ministry, your Committee believe that the means of grace might be speedily multiplied among our destitute brethren in distant lands. This is an object of no common interest and of no common importance, for how few families are there within our land that have not some relatives in one or other of the many distant Colonies so ill provided with gospel ordi-



nances. Let, then, the Church concentrate her affection, and put forth all her energies in this holy work, until there be not one congregation in connection with her, who do not willingly and liberally contribute of their substance for the great purpose of advancing the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and relieving the spiritual destitution of those who are connected with us by so many tender ties. It would be highly unbecoming to draw any invidious distinction between one and another of those several schemes of Christian benevolence which now occupy so much of the time and attention of our Church. The mind that has felt the influence of the Gospel, and has been brought under the power of the world to come, will cordially assent to the duty of giving a cheerful and liberal support to all. But the claim of kindred is joined to the call of Christianity, when a cry for help comes from those distant lands, peopled with those who are so near and dear to us ; and hard must be the heart which is not reached by such an appeal. The affecting descriptions which the Assembly's deputations have given of the wants and wishes of our exiled countrymen, are such as to awaken a feeling of sympathy in every bosom, and draw a tear of grief from every eye, where the soul is not hardened into utter insensibility. Your Committee confidently hope that such a voice shall proceed from this Venerable Court as shall be heard in every corner of our land, and that the recommendations and injunctions issued shall have the happy effect of stirring up the whole population to a more affectionate concern, and a more powerful effort, in the great cause of Missionary enterprise, so that those who may have the honour of laying the next Report on the table of the General Assembly, may be enabled to congratulate the House on the extended liberality of our countrymen, and the improved condition of those whom we are bound by every consideration to assist.

D. MACFARLAN, *Convener.*

THOMAS CLARK, *Vice-Convener.*





# ABSTRACT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the FUNDS of the COLONIAL COMMITTEE, from 15th April 1847 to 15th April 1848.

## CHARGE.

1. BALANCES at 15th April 1847:—			
In the hands of the British Linen Company,	.	.	£5818 4 0
Do. of the Secretary,	.	.	45 2 1
			<hr/> £5863 6 1
2. COLLECTIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS:			
From Parishes and Associations,	.	.	£3472 6 8
„ Individuals,	.	.	18 13 6
„ Do., appropriated to special purposes,	.	.	55 0 0
3. LEGACIES,	.	.	57 15 0
4. SUMS received from the Lay Association in Support of the Schemes of the Church:—			
1. Amount subscribed to the Association, and specially appropriated by Subscribers to this Scheme,			
	.	.	£240 12 11
2. Amount allocated by the Association out of the funds subscribed, the appropriation of which was left by the Subscribers to the Association,			
	.	.	125 0 0
			<hr/> 365 12 11
5. MISCELLANEOUS:—			
Sum collected at Meeting at Aberdeen to hear Deputation to America,			
	.	.	£12 15 1
Do. at Meeting at Edinburgh,	£11	7 3	
Less sum paid for use of			
Hall,	£10	10 0	
Extra Expense,	0	15 6	
		<hr/> 11 5 6	
		<hr/> 0 1 9	
			12 16 10
6 INTEREST ON BANK ACCOUNTS,	.	.	213 18 8
			<hr/> 4196 3 7
SUM of CHARGE,			<hr/> £10,059 9 8

**DISCHARGE.****I. PAYMENTS to and for Missionaries and Catechists:—****I. SYNOD OF CANADA.**

## Presbytery of Montreal—

Rev. William Mair, Chatham,	.	.	£60	0	0
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## Presbytery of Hamilton—

Rev. Alexander M'Kidd, Hamilton,	.		50	0	0
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## Presbytery of Bathurst—

Rev. George Bell, Buckingham, &c.	£60	0	0
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Rev. David Evans, Richmond,	60	0	0
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120	0	0
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## Presbytery of Toronto—

Rev. James Calhoun, Missionary,	.		100	0	0
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£330	0	0
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**II. SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

## Presbytery of Pictou—

Rev. William Dunbar, Missionary (balance of salary),	.	.	.	£16	4	5
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John M'Leod, Catechist,	.	.		60	0	0
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Donald Macrae, do.,	.	.		25	0	0
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Alexander Ross, do.,	.	.		15	0	0
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116	4	5
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**III. SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.**

## Presbytery of St John's—

Rev. John Cassilis, St Patrick's,	.	.	£50	0	0
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Rev. William Stewart, Missionary,	.	.	50	0	0
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100	0	0
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## Presbytery of Prince Edward's Island—

Rev. John M'Lennan, Belfast,	.	.		30	0	0
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## Presbytery of Miramichi—

Rev. G. M'Donell, Bathurst, sum contributed by Glasgow Ladies' Association,	.	.	.	£55	0	0
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Do., Allowance for expenses coming from and returning to America,	.	.	.	40	0	0
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Rev. John Macbean, Chatham,	.	.		50	0	0
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145	0	0
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**IV. SYNOD OF AUSTRALIA.**

Rev. Robert Haining, Adelaide,	.	.		100	0	0
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**V. NEW ZEALAND.**

Rev. John Macfarlane, in full of his claims,	.	.		125	0	0
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**VI. BOULOGNE.**

Contribution towards support of Missionary at Boulogne,	.	.		30	0	0
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Carry forward,	£976	4	5
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Brought forward, £976 4 5

1. OUTFIT AND PASSAGE-MONEY, viz. :—

Rev. William Stewart, Missionary to New Brunswick,	£45	0	0	
Rev. William Ross, Missionary to St Vincent's,	75	0	0	
				<u>120 0 0</u>
				£1096 4 5

2. GRANTS towards Building Churches :—

Bathurst, Presbytery of Miramichi,	£100	0	0	
La Prairie, Presbytery of Montreal,	60	0	0	
				<u>160 0 0</u>

3. GRANTS to Gaelic Students at Aberdeen studying for the Ministry, with a view to Appointments in the Colonies,

60 0 0

4. TRAVELLING CHARGES of Candidates for Appointments,

17 16 3

5. PROPORTION of EXPENSES of the Schemes Office and of the Missionary Record,

74 5 4

6. DEPUTATION TO CANADA :—

1. Personal Expenses of Deputation—

Passage-Money out, remitted to Messrs Burns and Co., Glasgow, £122 17 0

Expenses of Members of Deputation, including

Passage-Money home, viz.—

Rev. Mr Stevenson, £200 0 0

Mr Macintosh, 200 0 0

Mr Fowler, 195 0 0

595 0 0

2. Expenses of supplying Pulpits of Deputation, viz.—

Rev. Mr Fowler's, £49 11 0

Mr Macintosh's, 45 5 6

Mr Stevenson's, 44 0 0

138 16 6

3. Miscellaneous :—

Mr M'Phail, Account for Books and Pamphlets furnished to Deputation for distribution in Canada, £21 6 9

Expenses of Extracts of Acts of Assembly and of the Committee, for the use of the Deputation, 5 8 0

Rev. Mr Stevenson, Travelling Charges to and Expenses in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, to attend Meetings called to hear the Deputation, 11 7 0

Rev. Mr Fowler, do., 6 8 0

British Linen Company, Commission on Letter of Credit furnished to the Deputation, and sundry outlays,

2 2 3

46 12 0

903 5 6

Carry forward, £2311 11 6

Brought forward, £2311 11 6

## 7 MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS, viz. :—

Messrs Blackwood and Sons, for advertising Contributions to the Scheme in the Missionary Record, from July 1845 to April 1848, inclusive, . . . . .	£36 16 6	
Messrs Neill and Co., for printing Notices of <i>first</i> General Collection, and Report to the Assembly of 1847, . . . . .	31 7 0	
Postages and carriage of packets and parcels with Notices of Collection, and distributing same in City Churches, . . . . .	15 9 0	
Messrs Neill and Co., for printing Notices of <i>second</i> General Collection, French Catechism, Circulars, &c., . . . . .	31 3 9	
Postages and carriage of packets and parcels with Notices of Collection, and distributing same in City Churches, . . . . .	16 6 6	
Mr T. Paton, for printing Special Report and Reference to the Assembly of 1847, relative to Communications from Australia and British Guiana, . . . . .	7 17 6	
Mr M'Phail, Account for Pamphlets voted to Messrs Macbean and Macdonell, . . . . .	5 0 0	
Postages disbursed by the Vice-Convener, Treasurer, and Secretary, on the business of the Scheme, . . . . .	25 11 1	
Sundries for Stationery, . . . . .	4 5 6	
Peck, for lithographing Notices of Meetings, . . . . .	2 3 9	
Advertising and distributing Notices of Public Meeting to hear Deputation to Canada, . . . . .	2 9 9	
Sundries for Advertising, . . . . .	1 6 7	
Account for Receipt-Books for Contributions, Exchange on Drafts, &c., . . . . .	2 0 6	
Mr M'Callum, Religious Institution Rooms, Glasgow, for circulating Notices, and remitting Collections, . . . . .	5 0 0	
Proportion of Travelling Charges of Deputations attending Meetings in support of the Schemes of the Church, . . . . .	2 8 5	
		189 5 10
EXPENSES OF MANAGEMENT :—		
Secretary's Salary, . . . . .	£150 0 0	
Assistant Clerk, do., . . . . .	25 0 0	
Secretary's Clerks for Writings, . . . . .	61 13 6	
Auditor's Fee, . . . . .	20 0 0	
		256 13 6
BALANCES at 15th April 1848 :—		
In the hands of the British Linen Co., . . . . .	£7299 3 11	
... the Commercial Bank, . . . . .	2 8 6	
... the Treasurer, . . . . .	0 6 5	
		7301 18 10

SUM OF DISCHARGE, £10,059 9 8









